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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 April 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 15 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5-14, 16, 17 and 19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 July 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

2. A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-4, 15 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by France reference 2 842 154.

Regarding claim 1, France reference '154 disclosed a windshield wiper device, in particular for a motor vehicle, comprising at least one driving element that can be fastened to the motor vehicle, at least two essentially elongate fastening elements which are disposed in an axially rigid manner and are able to engage in receptacles of the motor vehicle, and at least one damping element for damping mechanical vibrations, characterized in that the driving element has a driven shaft and the fastening elements are positioned such that the driving element can be fastened by being rotated around the driven shaft or an axis that runs essentially parallel thereto.

Regarding claim 2, France reference '154 disclosed the windshield wiper device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the fastening elements are each arranged essentially on tangents of a circle around the driven shaft or an axis that runs essentially parallel thereto.

Regarding claim 3, France reference '154 disclosed the windshield wiper device according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that a locking element is provided for fixing the driving element.

Regarding claim 4, France reference '154 disclosed the windshield wiper device according to Claim 3, characterized in that the locking element is embodied as a receptacle for a rivet, a screw or a clip or is itself embodied as a clip.

Regarding claim 15, France reference '154 disclosed the windshield wiper device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the fastening element is slid in a first assembly direction running in the longitudinal direction of the driven shaft into an assembly opening of the body that serves as a receptacle and can be locked in a second assembly direction running in the circumferential direction of the rotation.

Regarding claim 18, France reference '154 disclosed the windshield wiper device according to claim 15, characterized in that the fastening element has a limit stop, which restricts the assembly movement in the first assembly direction.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 5-14, 16, 17 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lori L. Lyjak whose telephone number is 571-272-6658.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Dayoan can be reached on 571-272-6659. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3612

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